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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No. : 10/697,558 Confirmation No. : 8409
First Named Inventor : Koichi HAYASHI
Filed : October 31, 2003
TC/A.U. : 2852
Examiner : Sophia S. CHEN

Docket No. : 100689.52860US
Customer No. : 23911

Title : Developing Apparatus in an Image Forming Apparatus

Mail Stop AMENDMENT
Commissioner for Patents
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REPLY

Sir:

In response to the Office action of March 30, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 5 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.

Applicant hereby requests that the period to take action in the above-captioned application be extended by one month pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a). The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the \$120.00 extension fee, along with any other requisite fees, to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (CAM #100689.52860US).